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Black History Month Celebrations!

Check out what's happening this month to celebrate our Montgomery County community's rich history and heritage that includes the past and present challenges and accomplishments of African-American members of our community. All of the listed events are free and open to the general public.



Montgomery Parks presents . . .

Family Day – Black History Month
Saturday, February 9 12:00pm - 2:00pm
[Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park](#)
16501 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring

Spend an hour or spend the day!

Explore history by hiking the [Underground Railroad Experience Trail](#), walk the peaceful and historic park grounds, visit the [Woodlawn Manor House](#) or the [Woodlawn Museum](#) in the 1832 stone barn.

Also check out these:

[Black History Month Winter Walking Tour](#)
Sat. February 23rd, 2019 10:00am to 12:00pm

[Black History Month – History Hour](#)
Wed. February 27th, 2019 7:00pm to 8:00pm

For more, visit <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/events/family-day-black-history-month/>



The City of Gaithersburg presents . . .

The World War I Experience for African American Soldiers
Sunday, February 10
Tasting at 3:00pm; Talk at 3:30pm

Many African American men saw World War I as an opportunity to gain respect through military service. They volunteered and were drafted, but even in war, segregation determined where and how they served. Military historian Lt. Col. Roger Cunningham (USA-ret.) will explore the experience of African American soldiers in World War I. Visit the Tasting with [Shafa Blends](#), a family-owned tea and spice shop in Gaithersburg.

An art exhibit, lectures & an official proclamation highlight the City of Gaithersburg's celebration of African American History Month. Check out all of the activities at <https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/recreation/recreation-calendar/african-american-history-month>



Glenview Mansion and Peerless Rockville Speakers Series presents . . .

"Glenview: From Farm to Mansion"
Thursday, February 14 7:00pm-9:00pm
F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre
603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville

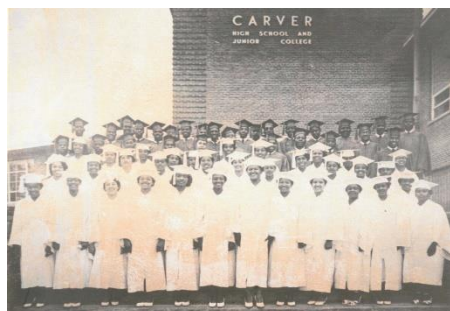
The latest installment of the Glenview Mansion and Peerless Rockville Speaker Series, *Glenview: From Farm to Mansion*, is an illustrated presentation on the history of the property that has become one of Rockville's most romantic sites. Learn about Glenview's transformation from a working 19th century home and farm that "was built and maintained by two dozen enslaved Africans" to an elite summer retreat. Hear about the architectural and landscape changes that came to be today's Civic Center. Get a preview of the history at <http://www.peerlessrockville.org/historic-rockville/peerless-places-2/glenview-mansion/>



Montgomery County Government Black History Celebration 2019
Thursday, February 21
F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater on the Grounds of the Rockville Civic Center
603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville
(snow date is Wednesday, February 27)

(Sorry, this event is for Montgomery County Government Employees only)

A Talk with Historian Ralph Buglass
“Rockville’s Role in the Education of African-Americans”
Sunday, February 24 2:00pm
Rockville Memorial Library
21 Maryland Avenue, Rockville



Until the mid-20th century, schools in Rockville – as well as throughout Montgomery County – were segregated. Rockville has played a major part in ever-increasing educational opportunities for African-American students, from a post-Civil War Freedmen’s Bureau School in a church basement to the only high school for black students in the county. In between, William B. Gibbs, Jr., a Rockville educator, and his then-little-known attorney, Thurgood Marshall, paved the way for equal pay for black teachers in one of the first legal challenges to segregated schooling. Buglass recounts this important chapter in American history.

This program is presented by Historian Ralph Buglass, co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library- Rockville Memorial Chapter, and Peerless Rockville. It is appropriate for students, adults, and seniors. Space is limited, registration is required. (Seating limited to 60).

Montgomery County Public Libraries

MCPL has free [online resources](#), [books](#), and [events](#) to help you learn and celebrate!

If you're looking to explore and research online we've got some wonderful, authoritative resources for you. The [Oxford African American Studies Center](#) online database is focused "on the lives and events which have shaped African American and African history and culture." It is a place where you can read articles, primary sources, maps, timelines, and biographical information. There are also many images included on the site that you can view. Learn about more at <https://montgomerycountypubliclibraries.blogspot.com/2019/01/celebrate-black-history-month-2019.html>

The African American Health Program of Montgomery

The African American Health Program (AAHP) reminds us that, in March 1966, the Dr. Martin Luther King said, "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most shocking and inhumane." To address the health disparities that plague African Americans in Montgomery County, AAHP was created and funded in 1999 by the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services.

Heart disease is the #1 cause of death in the United States, and African Americans are at particularly high risk. Learn more about AAHP and their programs at <http://aahpmontgomerycounty.org/> and <https://twitter.com/aahpmoco/status/1091338000322174979>

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Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

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Department of Environmental Protection <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep>

Department of Permitting Services <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/partnerships>

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Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

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Department of Health and Human Services www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs